

# A Short List of Great Books to Give

Compiled by the Jones Library Kids Room Staff

\* Indicates series or subsequent books

## Picture Books (Ages 0-6)

Some Bugs- Angela DiTerlizzi

A treasury of nursery rhymes- Elizabeth Hammall

I Thought This Was a Bear Book- Tara Lazar

Night Animals- Gianna Marino

Talking Like the Rain- Random House/Poetry

Where the Sidewalk Ends- Shel Silverstein/Poetry

Duck's Vacation – Gilad Soffer

\*Elephant and Piggie- Mo Willems

The Full Moon at the Napping House- Audrey Wood

Owl Moon- Jane Yolen

## Early Chapter Books (Ages 6-8)

Ginger Pye- Eleanor Estes

The Phantom Tollbooth- Norton Jester

\*Clementine- Sara Pennypacker

\*The Kingdom of Wrenly- Jordan Quinn

\*The Lighthouse Family- Cynthia Rylant

The Cricket in Times Square- George Selden

\*Geronimo Stilton - Geronimo Stilton

## Middle Grade Chapter Books (Ages 8-12)

Crenshaw-Katherine Applegate

The One and Only Ivan- Katherine Applegate

The Mighty Miss Malone- Christopher Paul Curtis

\*Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard – Rick Riordan

One Crazy Summer- Rita Williams-Garcia

\*Dork Diaries - Rachel Renee Russell

\*Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney

\*Big Nate - Lincoln Peirce

\*Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer

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## **Young Adult Realistic Fiction: (Ages 12-18)**

Beauty Queens - Libba Bray

Hellhole - Gina Damico

\*Princess Diaries - Meg Cabot

\*I'd Tell You I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You - Ally Carter

Our Brothers at the Bottom of the Bottom of the Sea - Jonathan Kranz

Ask The Passengers - A. S. King

Killing Time in Crystal City - Chris Lynch

Pushing the Limits - Katie McGarry

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass - Meg Medina

Anatomy of a Misfit - Andrea Portes

Boy in the Black Suit - Jason Reynolds

Swim That Rock - John Rocco & Jay Primiano

\*Au Revoir Crazy European Chick - Joe Schrieber

\*Winger - Andrew Smith

## **Young Adult Fantasy/SciFi: (Ages 12-18)**

\*Shadow and Bone - Leigh Bardugo

\*White Cat - Holly Black

\*The Selection - Kiera Cass

\*Graceling - Kristin Cashmore

\*The Maze Runner - James Dashner

\*Half Bad - Sally Green

\*The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer - Michelle Hodkin

\*Crank - Ellen Hopkins

\*Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz

\*I Am Number Four - Pittacus Lore

\*Pendragon - D.J. Machale

\*Cinder - Marissa Meyer

\*The Knife of Never Letting Go - Patrick Ness

\*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children - Ransom Riggs

Gorgeous - Paul Rudnick

\*The Alchemyst - Michael Scott

\*UnWind - Neal Shusterman

\*Uglies - Scott Westerfeld

## **Some Other Sites to Check Out:**

American Library Association's 2015 Notable Children's Books

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

Massachusetts Children's Book Awards

<https://www.salemstate.edu/mcba/>

New York Public Library's Top 100 Children's Books

<http://www.nypl.org/childrens100>

Young Adult Library Services Association

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/>